Goldi, Olcha, Orochi

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563 in the winter dog sleds. The position of the women is difficult.
[342] Polygamy is permitted. Bride purchase remains today. The Goldi live in small settlements of two to twenty houses, which are built out of mud like Chinese fang-tze /Fansen/. Many of them are half sunk in the earth. In the summer, however, the Goldi gladly leaves his fixed house and moves into his original domed tent, which is covered with birchbark or bast mats. In more recent times many Goldi have taken up the cultivation of vegetables, and they also breed pigs and chickens. The Samaghir, who live on the Gorin, a left tributary of the lower Amur, can be named as relatives of the Goldi. Their culture corresponds to that of the Goldi, but many expressions in their language indicate that they formerly were reindeer breeders. At present they devote themselves exclusively to fishing and hunting. Further downstream live the Olcha, who have also spread to the coast of the Tatar Strait and to Sakhalin. On Sakhalin they call themselves the Orok. The Olcha are also hunters, fishermen, and dog breeders. However, in contrast to the semi-nomadic Goldi, they are sedentary, and they all pursue agriculture in slight measure. Various signs indicate that they also were once reindeer breeders as their relatives, the Orok on Sakhalin, still are today. The total number of Olcha and Orok can scarcely exceed 2,000. More numerous--around 2,500--are the Orochi, who are also often called Udekhe (after the river Udekhe). Split up into numerous small groups, they live in the valleys of the middle and southern Sikhote-Alin' and also on the side toward the sea and the Ussuri. Many of
[177] them, especially in the south, are under Chinese influence and speak, reside, and live in a Chinese fashion. However, in the heart of Sikhote-Alin' they have remained rather pure and still live as true forest people, as Arseniev described them, and they show pronounced
[141] Tungus traits. The men on the average are 1.60 meters tall, and the women 1.45 meters. Their small hands and feet are striking.
[301] Like the Goldi they once wore ear and nose rings, and this custom still exists among the Orochi-Udekhe, although only among the
[342] women. They still live in pointed tents in contrast to the domed tents of the Goldi, in which the tent poles are bent together to form a dome and which recall, in their form, the yurts of the Mongols. On long trips, however, the Orochi did not take his tent along, since the tent was too burdensome for him; instead, while he was on his way, he built a simple protective tent out of twigs. The pure Orochi is only a hunter and fisherman. The social order of this people is